(e) No, Sir.

(f) Yes, Sir. Under Swadhar Scheme, the Government has instructed that mentally challenged, the trafficked women and the HIV/AIDS victims may be segregated in separate enclosures which would not only lead to better management of the Swadhar Shelter Home but also help the management to take proper care of the mentally challenged and HIV/AIDS victims.

Making SSC exam optional

†2024. SHRI VASANT CHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from NCERT regarding making the examination of SSC optional;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether Government are considering to implement this proposal;

(c) whether Government are considering to make the existing examination for tenth class optional and make it mandatory for all States; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) and (c) No, Sir.

(b) and (d) Do not arise.

School drop-out rates

2025. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether school drop-out rate has considerably come down in Punjab, Delhi, Chandigarh and different States and Union Territories during the last three years;

(b) if so, the comparative drop-out rates for boys and girls in different States and UTs during 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05; and

(c) the special Central aid, if any, given to the different States to achieve this object?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) and (b) State/UT wise, gender-wise drop-out rates for 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04 are at Statement I, II & III (*See* below).

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) Grants released to States/UTs under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) which seeks Universalization of elementary education as well as universal retention by 2010, during the last three years is given below:

(Rs. in crore)

Year	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Amount released	1558.28	2693.38	5113.14

Statement-I

Drop-out rates 2001-02

Sl No.	States/UTS	CLASS I-V			CLASS I-VIII			CLASS I-X		
		Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1	Andhra Pradesh	42.62	43.46	43.03	61.25	65.16	63.09	68.51	71.98	70.12
2	Arunachal Pradesh	49.46	50.16	49.77	63.00	57.42	60.62	75.13	77.27	76.04
3	Assam	46.63	51.18	48.64	67.54	71.27	69.21	75.54	75.70	75.61
4	Bihar	60.70	63.11	61.64	73.75	76.59	74.79	81.11	85.99	82.87
5	Chhattisgarh*									
6	Goa	3.48	8.12	5.73	-1.30	9.89	4.19	42.92	41.47	42.21
7	Gujarat	27.21	22.13	25.05	50.02	55.92	52.52	68.02	72.94	70.22
8	Haryana	30.49	30.53	30.51	8.21	17.13	12.35	29.86	42.85	35.94
9	Himachal Pradesh	15.22	18.17	16.68	20.50	23.40	21.90	30.76	32.91	31.80
10	Jammu & Kashmir	32.16	25.38	29.27	32.25	27.30	30.14	50.16	47.18	48.94
11	Jharkhand*									
12	Karnataka	23.86	23.87	23.87	50.80	51.20	50.99	60.19	63.24	61.65
13	Kerala	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.67	12.47	16.64
14	Madhya Pradesh	29.24	29.96	29.55	46.22	55.32	50.11	64.98	76.34	69.88
15	Maharashtra	6.08	8.77	7.37	35.36	38.90	37.03	48.92	55.98	52.28
16	Manipur	27.67	26.37	27.06	38.73	36.61	37.75	54.56	53.16	53.90
17	Meghalaya	57.17	56.75	56.96	77.07	76.90	76.99	82.99	83.88	83.44
18	Mizoram	60.59	57.82	59.31	61.17	58.50	59.89	72.08	67.11	69.73
19	Nagaland	38.63	44.44	41.50	55.66	50.80	53.36	65.02	64.84	64.94
20	Orissa	38.91	40.08	39.38	61.53	59.55	60.74	73.35	72.60	73.05
21	Punjab	21.28	19.29	20.34	35.31	38.83	36.99	38.94	38.25	38.62

*Dropout rates are shown combined with the respective parent state.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
22	Rajasthan	55.48	73.50	63.20	46.83	64.62	53.56	72.58	80.44	75.36
23	Sikkim	61.89	61.64	61.76	67.72	58.51	63.41	88.88	87.83	88.39
24	Tamil Nadu	30.16	24.03	27.24	43.95	35.43	40.07	55.64	59.97	57.66
25	Tripura	50.14	50.95	50.53	68.84	69.23	69.02	76.32	77.62	76.92
26	Uttar Pradesh	45.82	54.99	49.40	55.89	66.81	60.11	53.40	69.40	58.98
27	Uttaranchal*									
28	West Bengal	39.40	40.41	39.86	67.65	74.38	70.87	77.04	80.46	78.52
29	A&N Islands	0;.00	0.00	0.00	26.97	26.99	26.98	55.92	53.74	54.87
30	Chandigarh	15.48	9.50	12.72	3.37	-6.62	-1.22	11.13	12.93	11.99
31	D&N Haveli	28.04	44.28	35.41	49.39	62.68	55.41	71.64	71.51	71.59
32	Daman & Diu	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.27	23.85	16.68	34.79	38.45	36.55
33	Delhi	26.95	28.40	27.67	9.98	22.87	16.29	38.33	46.48	42.38
34	Lakshadweep	11.42	23.62	17.23	22.11	24.85	23.42	57.01	50.86	54.18
35	Pondicherry	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.60	3.27	2.92	26.31	24.13	25.26
	INDIA	38.36	39.88	39.03	52.91	56.92	54.65	64.16	68.59	66.04

Statement-II

Drop-out Rates 2002-03

Sl. No.	States/UTS	CLASS I-V			CLASS I-VIII			CLASS I-X		
		Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	Andhra Pradesh	41.66	41.76	41.71	58.10	62.00	59.94	67.36	70.78	68.95
2	Arunachal Pradesh	38.42	37.37	37.94	59.50	56.13	58.01	70.17	73.59	71.66
3	Assam	62.51	59.63	61.17	67.07	70.85	68.76	74.28	75.65	74.91
4	Bihar	62.74	61.66	62.31	77.91	80.78	79.01	82.27	85.83	83.60
5	Chhattisgarh*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6	Goa	0.08	5.45	2.69	2.28	9.01	5.54	40.18	39.14	39.68
7	Gujarat	26.02	23.14	24.77	43.09	48.76	45.48	59.21	67.13	62.82
8	Haryana	3.45	10.74	6.89	5.70	14.82	9.90	22.31	37.05	29.14
9	Himachal Pradesh	10.82	14.08	12.42	7.90	11.32	9.56	28.75	31.23	29.95
10	Jammu & Kashmir	33.06	11.50	24.82	27.53	25.57	26.71	50.29	52.08	51.07
11	Jharkhand*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

*Dropout rates are shown combined with the respective parent state

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
12	Karnataka	19.77	17.59	18.74	47.46	49.61	48.46	60.67	63.72	62.14
13	Kerala	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16.78	8.88	12.90
14	Madhya Pradesh	32.66	29.87	31.43	43.29	51.78	46.94	58.36	70.78	63.79
15	Maharashtra	14.40	16.80	15.55	29.51	35.98	32.59	48.98	55.42	52.05
16	Manipur	25.92	25.24	25.60	35.43	30.08	32.93	61.92	59.01	60.54
17	Meghalaya	58.19	54.81	56.51	73.13	70.21	71.67	81.40	80.45	80.93
18	Mizoram	56.25	56.52	56.38	60.05	56.39	58.31	77.11	74.11	75.68
19	Nagaland	49.16	54.49	51.80	53.79	52.93	53.38	77.08	77.90	77.47
20	Orissa	50.40	40.05	46.13	63.97	58.39	61.73	71.04	72.56	71.74
21	Punjab	26.37	24.07	25.29	33.71	31.67	32.75	48.81	47.10	48.01
22	Rajasthan	54.81	59.86	56.93	62.74	72.44	66.60	72.66	81.16	75.77
23	Sikkim	54.74	49.29	52.06	72.68	66.32	69.66	76.85	73.07	75.12
24	Tamil Nadu	14.56	16.22	15.37	46.06	39.00	52.85	47.31	46.26	46.80
25	Tripura	43.28	42.62	42.97	65.17	65.22	65.19	74.24	74.29	74.27
26	Uttar Pradesh	24.19	22.75	23.55	47.53	42.46	45.57	43.05	51.47	46.31
27	Uttaranchal*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
28	West Bengal	37.39	35.32	36.41	67.26	69.30	68.23	77.08	80.61	78.74
29	A&N Islands	0.73	4.00	2.31	17.64	19.26	18.42	51.44	51.24	51.35
30	Chandigarh	32.32	28.05	30.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	23.28	20.29	21.90
31	D&N Haveli	16.99	33.96	24.82	39.87	58.14	48.00	72.69	71.86	72.34
32	Daman & Diu	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.57	20.44	14.83	43.81	46.93	45.24
33	Delhi	6.72	17.64	12.13	19.46	27.75	23.57	44.88	49.59	47.19
34	Lakshadweep	0.00	6.06	3.03	0.00	8.36	4.48	25.51	22.63	24.13
35	Pondicherry	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	22.97	20.32	21.69
	INDIA	35.85	33.72	34.89	52.28	53.45	52.79	60.72	64.97	62.58

Statement-III

Drop-out Rates 2003-04

Sl. No.	States/UTS	CLASS I-V			CLASS I-VIII			CLASS I-X		
		Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	Andhra Pradesh	42.42	42.80	42.61	57.93	61.78	59.79	65.08	68.53	66.70
2	Arunachal Pradesh	46.07	46.67	46.34	64.38	62.46	63.52	71.40	73.02	72.09
3	Assam	54.70	51.36	53.15	69.54	72.41	70.81	75.07	74.57	74.84

*Dropout rates are shown combined with the respective parent state.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
4	Bihar	59.05	58.99	59.03	77.00	79.62	78.03	80.97	85.36	82.58
5	Chhattisgarh*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6	Goa	-5.53	1.91	-1.90	6.15	12.91	9.43	37.64	38.26	37.94
7	Gujarat	27.42	24.17	26.02	45.09	49.48	46.94	62.38	63.96	63.05
8	Haryana	13.24	13.39	13.31	19.03	23.92	21.26	19.37	34.85	26.54
9	Himachal Pradesh	15.87	18.15	16.98	13.29	15.32	14.28	31.85	33.03	32.42
10	Jammu & Kashmir	26.20	22.06	24.39	38.96	32.48	36.36	59.06	59.09	59.07
11	Jharkhand*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
12	Karnataka	10.10	9.36	9.75	50.29	50.94	50.59	59.67	61.16	60.38
13	Kerala	0.00	0.00	0.00	-12.55	-6.40	-9.54	12.13	4.88	8.58
14	Madhya Pradesh	24.74	22.58	23.78	44.41	49.99	46.81	58.97	70.29	63.81
15	Maharashtra	12.40	13.81	13.07	30.71	36.01	33.25	50.22	54.11	52.06
16	Manipur	26.42	26.41	26.41	31.52	29.59	30.61	51.55	46.11	49.02
17	Meghalaya	53.92	52.91	53.42	70.67	71.59	71.13	83.52	82.95	83.24
18	Mizoram	55.95	55.23	55.61	65.18	63.08	64.19	72.08	67.18	69.74
19	Nagaland	31.43	34.27	32.81	46.76	42.73	44.83	71.85	72.10	71.97
20	Orissa	41.19	34.36	38.19	64.58	57.51	61.72	66.13	62.59	64.72
21	Punjab	23.60	20.21	22.03	35.13	35.26	35.19	42.57	44.42	43.45
22	Rajasthan	59.29	55.83	57.94	64.64	73.87	68.50	71.63	81.78	75.47
23	Sikkim	56.93	50.69	53.85	76.63	69.62	73.29	81.80	79.71	80.82
24	Tamil Nadu	3.42	3.04	3.23	25.35	24.92	25.15	60.81	56.45	58.82
25	Tripura	45.07	44.50	44.80	62.64	66.10	64.29	74.77	73.78	74.31
26	Uttar Pradesh	23.03	-1.91	13.51	44.96	39.48	42.84	40.75	49.42	44.10
27	Uttaranchal*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
28	West Bengal	34.12	32.73	33.46	62.72	64.92	63.77	76.37	84.44	80.24
29	A&N Islands	-1.10	0.47	-0.35	18.67	19.07	18.86	53.44	47.67	50.68
30	Chandigarh	-7.94	1.25	-3.62	-1.23	-2.91	-2.03	14.57	9.27	12.13
31	D&N Haveli	21.38	36.55	28.40	35.81	56.61	45.24	70.97	74.31	72.48
32	Daman & Diu	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.05	23.14	17.36	50.29	50.62	50.45
33	Delhi	15.71	28.73	22.03	26.43	29.02	27.71	44.12	48.56	46.30
34	Lakshadweep	0.00	1.09	3.03	-1.35	29.02	-4.90	47.51	36.53	42.24
35	Pondicherry	0.00	0.00	0.00	-3.20	-6.11	-4.60	25.72	20.04	22.96
	INDIA	33.66	28.44	31.36	51.74	52.84	52.22	60.97	64.92	62.68

*Dropout rates are shown combined with the respective parent state